

STATE OF TENNESSE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 493
SENATE BILL NO. 1956

**By Crowe, Barnes, Marrero, Beavers, Berke, Black, Bunch, Burchett, Burks,
Faulk, Finney, Ford, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson,
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Mr. Speaker Ramsey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1810

By Hill, Pitts, Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 14, Part 3, relative to food service establishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-315, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) A bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization that operates a food bank and an on-site feeding program, for free distribution of food to combat poverty and hunger, shall be exempt from the payment of food service establishment permit fees.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-302(6)(B), is further amended by adding the following language immediately after the language "the catering business makes only "occasional sales" during any thirty-day period" and immediately before the semicolon (";"):

. "Food service establishment" does not include a house or other residential structure where seriously ill or injured children and their families are provided temporary accommodations in proximity to their treatment hospitals and where food is prepared, served, transported, or stored by volunteer personnel; provided, that such house or structure is supported by a 501(c)(3) organization, as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), that has as a component of its mission the support of programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-303(3), is amended by adding the following language immediately after the existing third sentence:

The rules or regulations requiring that food be obtained from sources that comply with all laws relating to food and food labeling shall be waived for houses or other residential structures where seriously ill or injured children and their families are provided temporary accommodations in proximity to their treatment hospitals and which are supported by a 501(c)(3) organization, as defined in 26 U.S.C. §

501(c)(3) that has as a component of its mission the support of programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children, if the food is prepared in such a house or other residential structure or in a private home or homes by persons who have successfully completed a training course of at least two (2) hours, conducted by the department, and the consumer is informed by a clearly visible placard, readily understandable to the average person, stating that the food may have been prepared in a facility that is not subject to regulation or inspection by the department.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 3, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR